REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Claims 1-21 were originally submitted.

Claims 11-21 are withdrawn without prejudice per the Restriction Requirement of this communication.

Claims 1-10 remain in this application.

Election/Restrictions

The communication states that "[r]estriction to one of the following is required under 35 USC 121:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a method for authenticating an originating account for access control, classified in class 713, subclass 155.
- II. Claims 11-21, drawn to a method for authenticating and gaining access through proxy logging on, classified in class 713, subclass 201."

Applicant elects to prosecute group 1, claims 1-10, in this application; however, Applicant retains the right to prosecute claims 11-21 in a separate application.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims 1-10 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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